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SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know, Sir, by way of information whether the Hon. Minister has visited the Laccadive islands? If not, does he propose to make a visit at any time in the near future? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Yes, Sir, I propose to visit the place in December."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" I suggest that when the Hon. Minister goes there he may also be pleased to take some of the M.L.As. with him." (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The boat that is going to ply will be a small one. It may accommodate only five or six persons."

SRI K. M. SEETHI SAHIB :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government propose to run the steamer service themselves or allow a private concern to undertake the service? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The whole matter is under the consideration of the Government."

Grant of subsidies for carrying out repairs to tanks.

* 1255 *Q.*—SRI S. RADHAKRISHNAN (on behalf of Sri K. R. Viswanathan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 418, dated 14th July 1953—

(*a*) whether the Government have considered the question of granting subsidies for undertaking repairs to tanks instead of for digging water wells in places where water is not found even though wells are sunk deep enough; and

(*b*) if so, the nature of their decision in the matter?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The suggestion is found to be not acceptable to Government."

Fire stations in the City.

* 1256 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many fire stations are functioning in the City of Madras;

(*b*) the total number of Chief Fire Brigadiers;

(*c*) the number of fire engines posted in each station; and

(*d*) whether the members of the staff are provided with quarters attached to the Fire Stations?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Eight.

" (*b*) There are no officers designated as 'Chief Fire Brigadiers' in the Fire Service Branch. Each Fire Station is in charge of a Sub-Officer.

" (*c*) & (*d*) A statement[a] showing the number of fire-fighting appliances and ambulances in each Fire Station and the personnel provided with quarters is placed on the table of the House."

Changing the name of 'Udaiyarpalayam taluk' into 'Jayankondan taluk.'

* 1257 *Q.*—SRI S. RADHAKRISHNAN (on behalf of Sri K. R. Viswanathan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 360, dated 7th April 1953—

(*a*) whether the Government have considered the question of changing the name of 'Udaiyarpalayam taluk' into 'Jayankondan taluk'; and

(*b*) if so, the decision taken by the Government in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The Government have decided that there are no strong reasons for changing the name of the taluk to Jayankondan."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, are the Government aware that the request for the alteration of the name from Udaiyarpalayam into Jayankondan is supported by historical facts, as that town seems to have been named originally after an illustrious Shola King by name Jayankondan? Will the Government make the desired change in the name of the place?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" But the more popular name seems to be Udaiyarpalayam."

Health assistants in Malabar.

* 1258 *Q.*—SRI O. KORAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many male and female health assistants are working in Malabar;

(*b*) the services of how many of them have been regularised;

(*c*) how many of them have undergone the sanitary course; and

(*d*) whether any stipend was given to them while undergoing that course?

[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 481–482 infra.